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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 17, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An isolated marker protein for diagnosing liver disease, the protein ~~having~~ consisting of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO: 1 in the sequence listing.

Claims 2-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently amended): An isolated protein ~~having~~ consisting of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO: 1 in the sequence listing.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled).